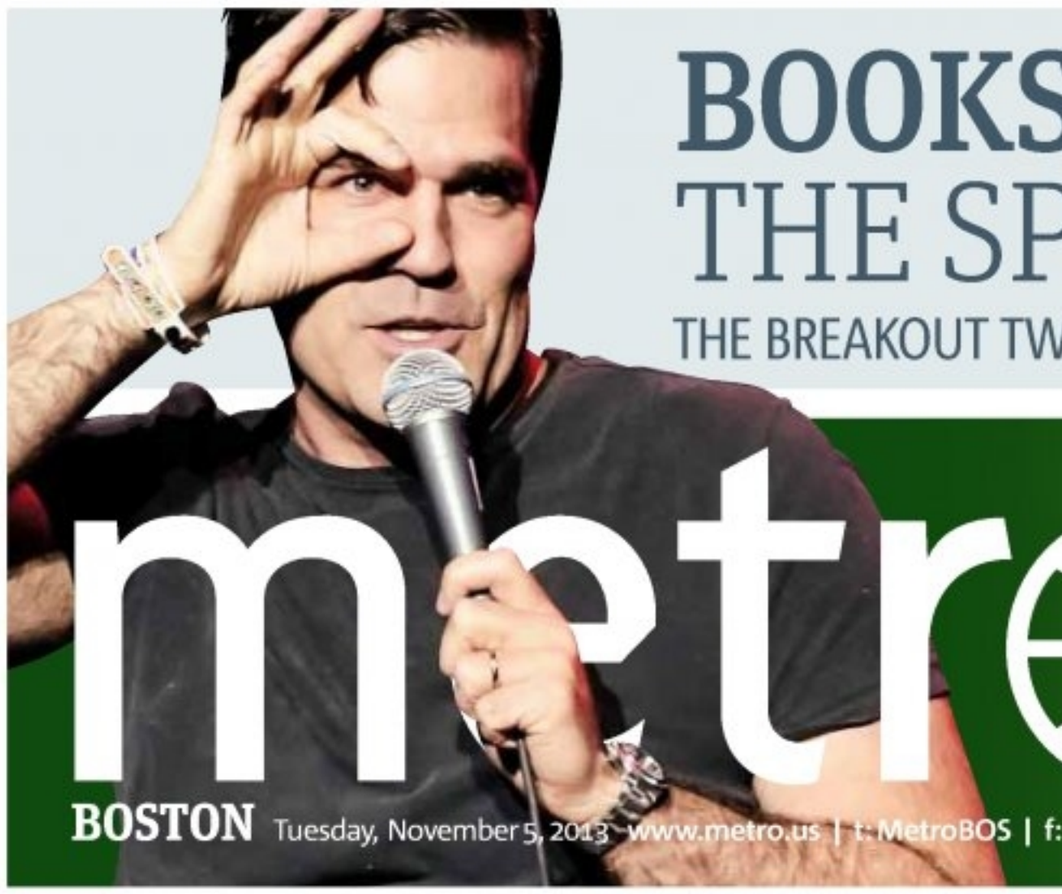

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It's time to pick your leader

Mayoral race. City Councilor John Connolly, left, and state Rep. Marty Walsh, right, are both vying to be the next head of the Hub, but election officials are concerned about today's voter turnout.

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High turnout not expected despite 'important' vote

Mayor's race. The next mayor of Boston will be decided today by an unpredictable number of voters.

Just six weeks ago, there were a dozen candidates running for mayor. Today, voters will choose between just two. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Voters in Boston will elect a new leader of the Hub for the first time in 20 years, but don't expect a record-breaking turnout at the polls, political experts and election officials said.

Thanks to an eventful year in Boston with the Boston Marathon bombings and more recently the Red Sox World Series run, the candidates in the mayor's race have been forced to fight for the attention of the voters.

"This is the first time there's been an open mayoral race in decades, and I hope the voters are cognizant of the significance of that," said Gerry Cuddyer, chair of the city's election department.

Cuddyer said the city hired about 1,600 poll workers for today's election and that hundreds of them speak a second language.

More than 113,000 people, or about 30 percent of registered voters, voted in the September preliminary election that narrowed the field of contenders to City Councilor John Connolly and state Rep. Marty Walsh.

Today's election will be the first time in more than 20 years that Mayor Thomas Menino's name will not be listed as a final candidate for mayor. He announced earlier this year that he would not seek a sixth term.

Tom Whalen, an associate professor of social science at Boston University, also said there will likely be more voters than in the preliminary election, but not a lot more.

"In the past, the World Series ended a lot earlier. Now, we're talking just a few days between the end of the World Series and parade and the mayor's race. I think a lot of people are just tired out and can't distinguish between the two candidates," he said.

Whalen added that it would be "pathetic" for Boston if fewer than half of the city's registered voters participated in the election, but that scenario could be realistic.

"And it's not a ringing voice of endorsement from the city for whichever candidate wins. … It makes their lives politically precarious," he said.

As for turnout, Paul Watanabe, an associate professor of political science at UMass Boston, pointed out that there has been a one-on-one race since September and that he believes the Red Sox haven't stolen enough attention away from the campaign to dissuade voters.

"There are enough words that have been spoken and I think the electorate is ready to make this choice, and those that are prepared and ready to vote will do so," he said.

Quoted

"I'm not sure if some of the newer people to the city appreciate how significant this vote is. I hope they do and that they turn out."

Gerry Cuddyer, City election department chairwoman

Poor turnout expected

Cuddyer said that while she believes Tuesday's turnout will be higher than the preliminary election, she said she doubts there will be any record-breaking numbers.

- "Certainly, in the last couple of weeks, we've been distracted by the Red Sox, and now I hope voters will focus their attention on what is very important for the city," she said.

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Casino, city council choices face voters

East Boston and Revere voters will decide on a casino at Suffolk Downs. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Besides choosing a new mayor to lead the city, voters in some of Boston's neighborhoods will also face a choice on city council candidates and allowing a casino to be located in East Boston.

There are eight candidates vying for four at-large city council seats. While two of the candidates are incumbents, the two other seats are vacant. All but one of the district city council seats are contested. District 3 City Councilor Frank Baker is running unopposed.

Meanwhile, voters in East Boston will decide on the controversial issue of allowing a casino to be located at Suffolk Downs.

As part of the new expanded gambling law, a host community must hold a vote on whether to allow a casino. Because the track stretches into Revere, voters there will also have to decide the casino issue. The race track had proposed a casino in partnership with Caesars, which has since dropped out after an unfavorable background check.

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"It might help bump up turnout from what it might normally be in an off-year election."

Paul Watanabe, associate professor of political science, UMass Boston

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Ex-Children's doc pleads guilty to child porn charges

Jail time. The former Boston Children's Hospital doctor will be sentenced to prison in February.

Richard Keller / METRO FILE PHOTO

A onetime doctor at Boston Children's Hospital and instructor at Harvard Medical School pleaded guilty on Monday to receiving child pornography.

Richard Keller pleaded guilty in federal court to multiple counts of both receipt and possession of child pornography, according to court records. His sentencing is scheduled for February.

Keller, a 56-year-old former endocrinologist from Andover, was charged in September 2012.

Authorities said the charges resulted from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and foreign law enforcement investigating a Toronto company that sold child pornography. Law enforcement seized the company's customer database, which revealed Keller as a customer.

The database showed that between 2009 and 2011 Keller purchased images and videos totaling about $2,700.

Authorities said Keller had more than 500 photographs and between 60 and 100 DVDs at his home. The images depicted minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

As part of the plea agreement, Keller admitted that he had a long-standing sexual interest in adolescents since the early 1970s and that he had previously tried to stop viewing child pornography on the Internet, but failed to do so, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

In a statement at the time of Keller's arrest, Children's Hospital said they immediately put him on leave and that no concerns from patients or family members were ever brought to the hospital's attention.

Keller was also the medical director at Phillips Academy for 19 years before stepping down in 2011.

He faces at least five years in prison, according to the U.S. Attorney's office, in addition to a lifetime of supervised release and fines.

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Assault charges

Stoughton man dies after fight with roommates

Two men were due in court Monday after they allegedly got into a fight with their roommate that resulted in the man dying.

Robert Westbrooks, 50, and Edward Aguiar, 40, were charged with domestic assault and battery, according to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office. Authorities released few details about the incident.

Authorities said that 52-year-old Jonathan Munro was taken to a hospital from his Stoughton home Saturday afternoon and was pronounced dead. His death apparently followed an "altercation among housemates," according to the district attorney's office.

Authorities are awaiting further testing following an autopsy.

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State House marks Diwali

The South Asian Arts Council hosted a lighting of the Diwali diya at the state House on Monday. Anuradha Koirala, a CNN Hero Award recipient, lit the diya. Diwali, which falls on the Hindu new year, is also called the "festival of lights." / JEREMIAH ROBINSON, METRO

Red Sox, cop say bye-bye to their beards for charity

New look. Red Sox players Shane Victorino and David Ortiz got shaved on Monday.

Red Sox outfielder Shane Victorino reacts in surprise as he looks at his freshly shaven face. / JEREMIAH ROBINSON, METRO

With the World Series secured in Boston, there was only one thing left to do: shave.

Boston Red Sox players David Ortiz and Shane Victorino had their now-famous beards shaved Monday morning during a charity event at Gillette headquarters in South Boston.

The beards became part of the story of the Red Sox playoff run as nearly every member of the team grew their facial hair to new lengths in some cases.

Joining the Red Sox players on Monday was Boston police officer Steve Horgan, the bullpen cop made famous for his arms-raised home run celebration.

A contest-winning fan also joined the players onstage for a shave.

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One Fund donation

As part of the event, Gillette made a $100,000 donation to the One Fund Boston.

- The charity, set up to help the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings, has already raised more than $60 million.
- The Red Sox repeatedly honored the victims of the bombings during and after the season.

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Campaign funds. GOP calls for investigation of AG Coakley's finances

State Republican Party Chairwoman Kirsten Hughes called on Monday for a "thorough" and independent investigation into the campaign finances of Attorney General Martha Coakley following revelations of accounting problems with Coakley's federal campaign account and purported evidence that Coakley improperly used funds from the federal account for state political activities.

Hughes told reporters Monday that reports of Coakley's use of federal campaign funds to boost her campaign for governor are "very alarming."

A Boston Globe story published Sunday details how Coakley's state campaign may have illegally used funds from her federal campaign account to pay for advertising at the state Democratic Convention in Lowell this summer. SHNS

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Limited. Obamacare expedited bidding of who could build site

The race to construct an online insurance exchange by Oct. 1 spurred the Obama administration to use an expedited bidding system that limited its choice of a builder to just four companies, including CGI Group.

Eighteen months elapsed after passage of the 2010 health care overhaul before CGI was selected to begin work, government documents show. That left the Montreal-based vendor two years to create a website, healthcare.gov, designed to link consumers with insurers while drawing data from a variety of U.S. agencies.

The relatively short time frame for the work and the political controversy surrounding the law probably signaled the project was "doomed from the start," said Larry Allen, head of a McLean, Virginia, consulting firm. Now, CGI and the administration are sorting out what went wrong and how to fix the site by Nov. 30, when uninsured Americans will have weeks to sign up for coverage.

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Software flaws

Initially, officials blamed the unexpectedly high numbers on the first day overwhelmed the system.

- Since then, the Obama administration has identified a number of software flaws that led to the problems, criticized CGI's handling of the work, named another software company to supervise their work and pulled in engineers from Google Inc., Red Hat Inc. and Oracle Corp. to help get the website working smoothly by the end of this month.

Kerry says US-Saudi ties strategic, enduring

Dispute. Kerry also spoke about the Israel-Palestine peace process and on Egypt.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday played down any rift with Saudi Arabia, saying relations between the two countries were strategic and enduring and that both agreed negotiations were the only way to stop Syria's civil war.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal in Riyadh after talks with King Abdullah, he also said Washington would not let Iran acquire nuclear weapons.

The Syrian crisis could only end with "a negotiated political solution. This crisis will not end through military force in our judgment," Kerry said.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry listens to Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal speaking during a joint press conference Monday in Riyadh. / GETTY IMAGES

"A negotiated political settlement as laid out in the Geneva communiqué we believe is the best way to end the bloodshed, respond to the humanitarian crisis in Syria, to counter the violent extremist groups that we both agree are growing in their threat to all of us and must be stopped," he added.

Saudi Arabia, Washington's main Arab ally, is angry over what it sees as a weak foreign policy on the part of the Obama administration which has allowed Israel to continue building settlements in the Palestinian territories and conflict to persist in Syria. REUTERS

Militant's killing

Washington is sensitive to Pakistan's concerns

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry suggested on Monday an attack that killed a Pakistani Taliban leader was justifiable but added Washington was sensitive to Pakistan's concerns, after Islamabad denounced the raid as a blow to peace talks.

Hakimullah Mehsud, who took over as leader of the al Qaida-linked Pakistani Taliban in 2009, was killed on Friday, along with three others, in a U.S. drone strike in northwest Pakistan, security and Taliban.

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Abortion-rights groups ask Supreme Court to halt Texas law

Groups opposed to new restrictions on abortion in Texas filed an emergency request with the Supreme Court on Monday to halt part of a law that prompted a dozen clinics in the state to stop performing the procedure.

The move is the latest step in a legal battle between the Republican-dominated state government of Texas and supporters of the right to abortion over the law that imposes some of the toughest restrictions in the United States.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia gave attorneys for the state of Texas until Nov. 12 to respond to the emergency request to halt a key provision in the law, according to court documents. REUTERS

Law. Court lets stand ruling throwing out 'abortion pill' limits

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday left intact a state court decision invalidating an Oklahoma law that effectively banned the so-called abortion pill RU-486, with the justices deciding to sidestep a potentially contentious case.

The high court had been waiting for the Oklahoma Supreme Court to clarify a December 2012 ruling that had voided the law before deciding on whether to rule on the case. Last week, the state court issued a new opinion explaining its reasoning in more detail. REUTERS

US girls keep hitting puberty at earlier age

The study didn't look at when girls started getting their periods, or at other measures of puberty. / COLOURBOX

Girls are developing breasts at younger and younger ages, a new study confirms. And upward trends in childhood obesity seem to be playing a major role.

Researchers found African-American girls started getting breasts just before they turned 9, on average. Among white girls the average age was about 9 and a half — a few months earlier than in the 1990s.

The findings "confirm an ongoing downward trend in pubertal timing among U.S. girls," said Dr. Anders Juul.

"It's been worrying for the U.S. as well as the rest of the world," Juul said. He heads the Department of Growth and Reproduction at Rigshospitalet in Copenhagen, and wasn't involved in the new report.

At each visit, staff assessed breast development using Tanner stages, which measure how far along a young person is in puberty.

African-American girls first showed signs of breast development at 8 years, 10 months, on average. That's compared to 9 years, 4 months among Hispanic girls and 9 years, 8 months among white and Asian girls.

For white girls, puberty hit about four months earlier than in a 1997 study that also measured breast development. That study concluded girls were entering puberty earlier than in the past. REUTERS

The study

1,200

The results come from a long-term study of more than 1,200 girls in and around San Francisco, Cincinnati and New York City. Girls were enrolled in the study between ages 6 and 8, and followed with annual or semi-annual visits.

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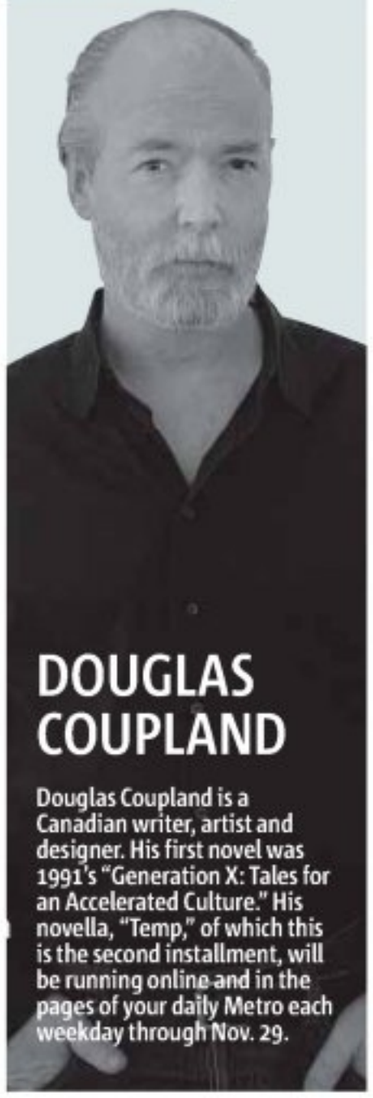

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Douglas Coupland is a Canadian writer, artist and designer. His first novel was 1991's "Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture." His novella, "Temp," of which this is the second installment, will be running online and in the pages of your daily Metro each weekday through Nov. 29.

Day 2: Temp accepts a slightly random date for the company

Today was Thursday. In the future, every day of the week will be Thursday. We're all going to be working to the grave and we all know it so days of the week will be meaningless. I call it Permathurs — I just happened to see the future before most. Permathurs isn't totally bad, but without the Internet it would be truly horrible.

My morning highlight was when Kyle the bike courier showed me his new forearm tat, a bleeding dagger, which sounds cliché but it was actually kind of hot, even though Kyle's not my type. Everyone in the office thinks we're some Big Item, and when we flirt everybody turns into gum-chewing zoo visitors staring at the chimp cage hoping something frisky transpires.

Then the day quickly went sideways. First, my daily ride home bailed on me — my sister, Amy, who just landed a gig teaching yoga for tweens at the now-empty Barnes & Noble on Route 34.

"Shanny, I hear buses are great these days. Like hotels, practically. You can blog about it — it's free content; you own your bus ride!"

Second, Kevin Taylor's and Andy Kimura's flight back from Beijing was grounded for a day because of a bird flu scare: scheduling mess. Third, there was a Norovirus outbreak at the Bunmeister during yet another lunchtime farewell party.

At 4:30, while I was puzzling over how to bus it home, the Danimal hobbled up to my desk, obviously deeply regretting his Bunmeister's Cheese-tastic Meatball-icious sub.

"Dan, maybe you need some of those superdrugs they give to people on cruise liners."

"Shannon, I need you to do some overtime for me — for the company."

Twice my regular hourly rate? "Sure. What is it?"

"I need you to take a client out for drinks and dinner."

"What? No!"

"Shannon, here's the thing, all of us are dying and this guy has to be taken care of."

"Meaning?"

"Look, I'm not talking hookers and blow; I'm talking chicken fingers and 3-for-1 margaritas at Mister McFunbury's out by the off-ramp that takes you out to the oil refineries. This guy's not high up the food chain, but we can't not do something."

I stared him down. "OK, one: a week of free taxi chits. Two: cash up front for the food — my cards are all maxed out. Three: drinks, dinner, dessert and good-bye. Two hours max."

"Agreed."

"Who is he, anyway?"

"I think he's the idiot son of one of the engineers who's disassembling one of our lines. Andy says he's the guy who inserts the harpoon so they can reel it all back to Asia."

"Sounds colorful. OK. I'm in."

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1 Pamela Anderson's post-marathon pain

Some marathoners can bounce back from a 26.2-miler like it was a walk in the park. Pamela Anderson does not appear to be one of them.

After her outing in Sunday's ING New York City Marathon, Anderson tweeted this pic, right, of herself covered in ice packs in bed. It's captioned, simply, "Ouch!"

I'm sure Anderson thinks the pain was worth it though: The "Baywatch" star, who ran the marathon with her brother Gerry, raised nearly $76,000 for the J/P Haitian Relief Organization.

According to the marathon results page, Anderson finished the marathon in 5:41:03 — not bad for a 46-year-old lady who's used to running down beaches in slow motion. Several famous marathoners beat her though: Fellow beautiful person Christy Turlington bested her by nearly an hour with a time of 4:35:32, while "ER" and "Top Gun" star Anthony Edwards, visibly energized on the course by the cries of "Goose!" that New Yorkers shouted at him, crossed the finish line in 4:45:26.

Hang in there, Pammy! / TWITTER

Of course, the winner, Kenya's Geoffrey Mutai, could have finished the course twice before a single one of these celebs crossed the finish line. So Turlington shouldn't get a big head. MELINDA TAUB

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Talking points

Gaga is a single woman again

Lady Gaga and her "Chicago Fire" boyfriend, Taylor Kinney, have reportedly split up again, with Kinney citing her "insane workload" as an obstacle they can't get past, according to the Sun. "Taylor has told her she's married to her career and he can't deal with dating Gaga the megastar and all her obsessions and alter-egos," a source says. "He loves the cool down-to-earth girl but hardly gets to see her." Seemingly proving Kinney's point, Gaga reportedly wants to address the issue — when she has a spare moment. "Gaga's hoping to meet up with Taylor when their schedules allow to talk things through," the source adds, but "Taylor told her they need time apart, and it's looking as if this might lead to a permanent split."

Dolly Parton offers Miley Cyrus advice

Plenty of members of the music community have offered Miley Cyrus unsolicited advice on how she's presenting herself, but don't expect Dolly Parton to join the chorus. "If she needs my opinion on something I will surely give it, and there have been times we've talked," Parton, who happens to be Cyrus' godmother, tells The Standard. "But I would never dream of calling her and saying, 'Well, why are you doing this?' or, 'You shouldn't do this or that.'"

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Joss Whedon cannot do karate, Roseanne Barr is worried, Alec Baldwin is also worried and Rebel Wilson is having trouble at home.

@josswhedon: If I could do karate I probably would

@TheRealRoseanne: the devil is strong in this world-

@ABFalecbaldwin: Can I back up my testosterone levels on iCloud?

@RebelWilson: I got HEAPS OF paper cuts today opening up a package of bathroom supplies. Such is life.

Can somebody give Renee Zellweger her old face back?

Aye yi yi. Renee Zellweger, no stranger to plastic surgery, was looking mighty different this Saturday at a screening for the new movie, "Long Shot: The Kevin Laue Story." It could be she just didn't feel like doing her makeup. Or brushing her hair. Or wearing her old face.

Look. We've all been there. But still, this new pinched face looks dramatically different from her old pinched face, right? Why did she have to go and ruin a perfectly good thing?

THE ACTRESS TODAY, LEFT, AND IN 2012, RIGHT

Michelle Pfeiffer was in a cult

Talk about dangerous minds. Michelle Pfeiffer says that in her early days in Hollywood she got sucked into a cult.

The future Catwoman moved to L.A. when she was 20 years old to break into show business and got pulled into the orbit of a couple she describes as "kind of personal trainers." The pair were believers in "breatharianism," the belief that people can survive with no food or water at all. They put her on a diet "no one could adhere to," Pfeiffer told the Daily Telegraph.

"They were very controlling. I wasn't living with them but I was there a lot and they were always telling me I needed to come more. I had to pay for all the time I was there, so it was financially very draining."

Pfeiffer was helping her first husband research a role in a film about the Sun Myung Moon cult when she realized she was in a cult herself.

Pfeiffer said she recognized the techniques used to draw her into the cult. "We were talking with an ex-Moonie and he was describing the psychological manipulation and I just clicked," she said.

Good thing she got out! I wonder if that couple is still operating their racket. There are an awful lot of actresses who look like they're adhering to breatharianism these days. MELINDA TAUB

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Caspian at a crossroads

The band was photographed here before Chris Friedrich's passing. / EVAN TETRAULT

Instrumental change. "Waking Season" takes on a more profound meaning as a band comes to terms with the sudden loss of a founding member.

In their 10-year history, Beverly-based Caspian's lineup has switched and expanded to fit each member's changing needs without any thought of the original core four — Joe Vickers (drums), Philip Jamieson (guitar), Chris Friedrich (bass), and Calvin Joss (guitar) — leaving the band completely. Marriage, kids, work; all was accommodated with extra hands in the form of guitarists Erin Burke-Moran and Jonny Ashburn. (There's no such thing as too many guitarists in a post-rock band.) Until, that is, Friedrich's sudden death this summer put a permanent wrinkle in Caspian's story.

"It's the kind of thing that we're still processing. There are some days that it feels longer ago than it was and there are some days where it feels like it was last week," says Jamieson, speaking from a tour stop in Norwich, England, where Caspian is opening HIM's European trek. "The emotions are so up and down and all over the place that it's tough to get a grip on anything permanent in this situation. We are taking it one day at a time."

Friedrich, who was newly married, was on hiatus from touring and longtime friend Jani Zubikovs (Sainthood Reps) was set as stand-in for the booked shows, allowing Caspian to slip into a comforting familiar routine after the unexpected tragedy.

"Chris was always a big fan of Jani's bass sensibilities, he always connected with him. We know that Chris wanted this band to succeed more than anybody and we are renewed in that," adds Jamieson. "In terms of finding any solid ground, the only thing that makes sense to any of us is the hour on stage. Everything makes sense up there, and then when we get off everything's all over the place."

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The next step

'Greatest Hits'

Immediately following the U.K. jaunt, Caspian joins British post-rockers 65daysofstatic for a co-headlining U.S. tour. 65daysofstatic just released "Wild Light," while Caspian extends last year's "Waking Season" with an EP, "Hymn to the Greatest Generation." Caspian will continue touring through summer 2014, but musical ideas are already brewing for the next album. "In terms of being creative and coming up with new material, I don't know what it would be like right now though," adds Jamieson. "Being on stage in front of people who want to hear us is where we need to be. It's one foot in front of the other, I guess."

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Theater preview. "We Will Rock You" brings the music of Queen to the stage once more.

"We Will Rock You" is set 300 years in the future, when the only music the government allows is Computer Recorded Auto-tuned Pop (also known as C.R.A.P.). Then, a group of bohemians discover a relic from the past: Queen.

"So, a couple of young rebels try to save the world, basically by finding rock 'n' roll again," sums up Ruby Lewis, who plays Scaramouche (name ring any bells?), one of those bohemians.

The government has attempted to eradicate individual thought — people don't even have names, just assigned numbers as identification. But that doesn't jibe so well with Lewis' character.

"She's arrested for speaking her mind and singing her own stuff," says Lewis, whose first song — her favorite — is "Somebody to Love."

The show features 24 Queen songs. Some lyrics have been updated to fit into the modern-day world (for example, "Radio Ga Ga" mentions downloading from the Internet). But the classics, like "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "We Are the Champions," stay true to the band's spirit.

"Unlike other jukebox musicals, the songs are how you're used to hearing them," says Lewis. "They're not condensed versions, they're not sped up or slowed down."

Lewis encourages audience members to take part in the show's "concert vibe."

"Stand up and sing along," she says. "Wave your arms, get caught up in the world and the music."

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"We Will Rock You" isn't biographical, a la "Jersey Boys." Instead, like Green Day's "American Idiot" musical, the show incorporates Queen songs into the plot.

TV watch list

REALITY

'Shahs of Sunset'

Of all the many and varied iterations of trashy, vapid — yet, OK, endlessly entertaining — reality shows that Bravo continues to churn out, this might be one of our favorites. Maybe it's because these people actually do seem to have real friendships and feelings (beneath all of the makeup, meretricious — and mostly gold — trappings and drama). Or maybe it's just because they party so damn unapologetically, and often. Seriously, MJ is the hottest mess around, but she's also sort of awesome. Either way, we're glad the show's back for a third season tonight. **SEASON PREMIERE, 10 P.M., BRAVO**

COMEDY

'Dads'

Dudes, how has this show not been canceled yet? It's more than a little bit painful to watch Giovanni Ribisi squandering his considerable talents as an actor on this middling sitcom about two douchey bros and their annoying, meddlesome dads. Tonight, the aforementioned bros catch bedbugs — which sort of feels like some kind of metaphor for the way this show makes us feel in general: itchy. **8 P.M., FOX**

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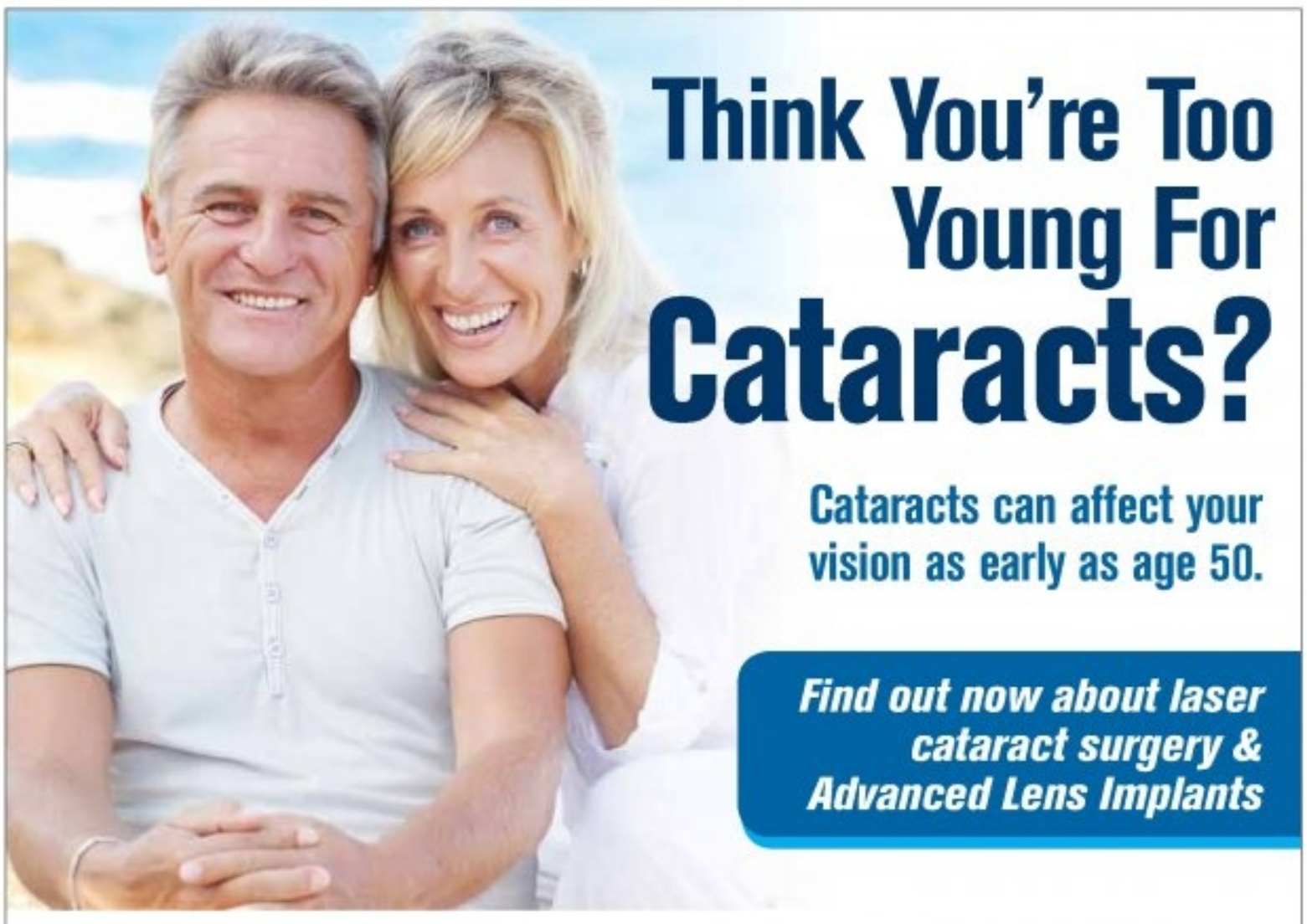

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ROB DELANEY

The comedian talks being Twitter famous, the pains of stand-up and boobs.

ONE FUNNY — 140 — CHARACTER

Rob Delaney is pretty famous. But he didn't get there by following the career trajectory of most comedians. Delaney became famous through Twitter, where you can find the 36-year-old doling out sharply witty jokes and morsels of ironic social commentary daily, in 140 characters or fewer. But Delaney is capable of being funny in long-form as well, as evidenced by his new book, "Mother. Wife. Sister. Human. Warrior. Falcon. Yardstick. Turban. Cabbage." It's part memoir, part rambling musings, and all funny.

Do you feel pressure to be funny every time you tweet?
I mean, I like to be funny, but I wouldn't call it pressure because — wait, let me rephrase that. Yes, I do feel pressure to be funny, which I enjoy, because I like pressure. I'm one of those people that enjoy deadlines. I enjoy 140-character constraints, I enjoy going on stage in front of hostile people. I am damaged or tanked in whatever way makes me want to do those things. For better or for worse.

When you first started on Twitter, was there one mean tweet that really upset you?
No, because I had done enough stand-up where people have not laughed at jokes. There is nothing — nobody can say something to me online — that is as bad as people not laughing when I'm right there in front of them. Because laughter is involuntary, as is not laughing. You know, that they're just on a molecular level thinking, 'I did not enjoy that last thing you just said.'

So getting a positive response from a live audience is a lot more gratifying than people responding well to a tweet?
Without question. Not even apples and oranges. It's like rotten apples and an amazing day at Caesars Palace, from a Michelin blimp or something.

There's this thing happening right now where regular people are becoming Twitter-famous. Do you think that's the new wave of comedy?
Yeah, because those people may not have had the outlet before. But they're still definitely hilarious. So it's a nice democratic aspect of Twitter that allows us to discover those people. I love how weird they all are.

What's the worst thing that's happened to you onstage?
I don't know, a woman flashed me at a show at a bar.

Getting flashed is the worst thing that ever happened?
It stands out in my memory because she was drunk, she walked off the street and up to the stage, and just flashed her boobs at me and the audience, and it was like, 'I like boobs and I want to see boobs,' but that was so distracting. The audience was like, 'Hey, boobs!' and it just took the show totally off the rails.

Speaking of boobs, what was more nerve-wracking, doing stand-up for the first time or having sex for the first time?
Doing stand-up, because losing my virginity was with my girlfriend. It was a safe space, amiable and friendly. Stand-up was like, 'What if they don't like me?' Probably my girlfriend liked me, but these people are like, 'Make me laugh, jerk!' Whereas my girlfriend would try and stifle her laughter every time we had sex.

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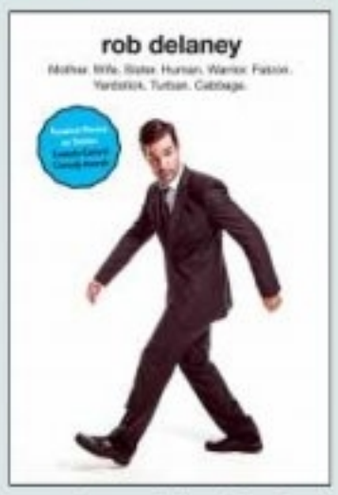
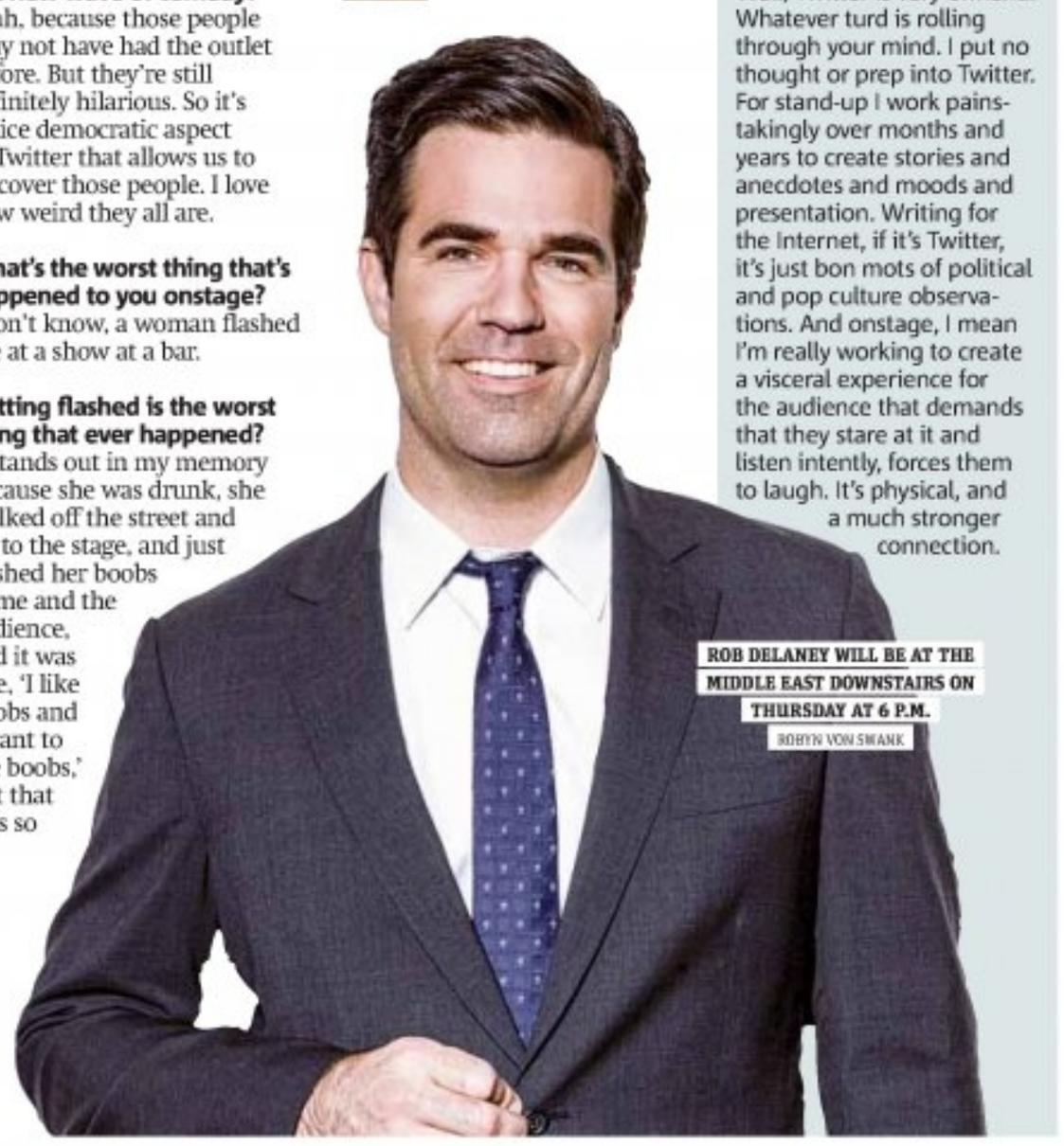
Q&A



How does writing for the Internet, writing for stand-up and writing a book differ — how do you wear all those hats?
Well, Twitter is very offhand. Whatever turd is rolling through your mind. I put no thought or prep into Twitter. For stand-up I work painstakingly over months and years to create stories and anecdotes and moods and presentation. Writing for the Internet, if it's Twitter, it's just bon mots of political and pop culture observations. And onstage, I mean I'm really working to create a visceral experience for the audience that demands that they stare at it and listen intently, forces them to laugh. It's physical, and a much stronger connection.



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Amy Tan on her raciest book yet

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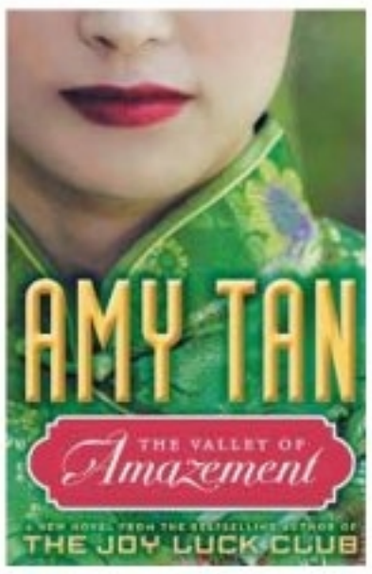

It all started with a single photo. Amy Tan was flipping through an old family album when she came across a picture of her grandmother she hadn't noticed before. "She was wearing a tight jacket, pants and a headband," Tan remembers. Having read a book about Shanghai in the early 1900s, Tan recognized the garb as the uniform for courtesans, prostitutes with high-society clients. "Of course I was taken back by what this meant about my grandmother and I became very obsessed with the notion that she might have been a courtesan," Tan says.

The book is not based on Tan's grandmother, but it did set the stage for her latest novel, "The Valley of Amazement," a story about an American woman and her daughter, who becomes a courtesan during the overthrow of the Ching Dynasty.

Similar to Tan's book, "The Joy Luck Club," the mother-daughter relationship is a strong theme in her new novel. In the book, the mother betrays her daughter, Violet, by leaving her behind. This abandonment leaves a mark on Violet, who thirsts for an enduring love and is not able to fully forgive her mother. "I know what [this feels like] because it happened to my sisters," Tan says. "They were left behind by my mother when she came to the U.S., and although they longed for her and loved her, they never quite forgave her."

Violet's coming-of-age story is made more complicated when she discovers that she's half American, half Chinese. For Violet to learn she is biracial alienates her from both American privilege and Chinese community. For this part of the story, Tan again was inspired by her ancestors. "Both on my mother's side and my father's side there were family members who engaged with English-speaking translators," she says.

"The Valley of Amazement" is Tan's raciest book yet; she had never written a sex scene. "I avoided including it, but my editor told me, 'This takes place in a courtesan house. You have to have sex.' ... Wives actually used to visit courtesan houses and pay money to learn what courtesans did with their husbands, so you knew something special was happening there," she says.

But more than sex, family and self-identity, the book is about love. "It's about the search for that enduring love and what it means," Tan says.

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"It's about the search for enduring love and what it means".

Tan, on the theme of her new book, "The Valley of Amazement"

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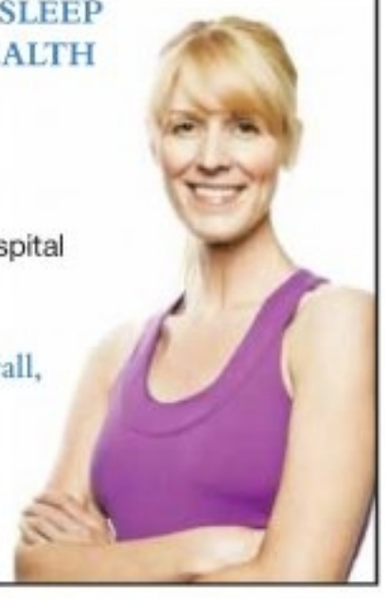

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For tourists interested in a glimpse into Puerto Rico's rich colonial history, the cobbled streets of Old San Juan, founded in the 16th century, have plenty to offer.

Nestled in the heart of the colonial settlement is **Hotel El Convento**, a former convent that housed nuns in the 17th century. Guests are whisked into the Old World by the building's Spanish-colonial decor; just steps away, pigeons flutter in one of the city's many plazas, and bells chime through the Cathedral of San Juan Bautista. Its romantic allure has made El Convento a top pick for destination weddings and honeymoons. Rooms overlook the hotel's open-air courtyard, Patio del Nispero, which was built around a 300-year-old tree. Lush plants add a lavish atmosphere to the newly renovated space, which serves authentic tapas and signature cocktails.

Speaking of booze, just blocks away the Global Warming cocktail steals the show at **Marmalade**. Though memorable, the drink is not for the faint of heart; a habanero chili-infused spherical ice cube melts into the drink, making each sip of hibiscus tequila a little hotter. Nearby, La Taberna de Lupulo is a beer lover's paradise, but for those who came for the notorious Puerto Rican rum, Barrachina boasts having invented the piña colada.

For the Puerto Rico-bound traveler interested in unapologetic indulgence, Condado is the place. The beachfront neighborhood is packed with shops, sand, eateries and of course, bars. All are within reach at **La Concha Resort**, which offers a number of oceanfront rooms, a casino, a private beach and a dazzling lobby bar — a perfect backdrop for an adult-friendly escape.

"The Puerto Rican culture is rich. I hope everybody who comes here takes back a memory; a piece of our culture," says Luis Rivera, general manager of La Concha, which will begin property renovations in early 2014, including a new $1 million spa in the Suite Tower.

If you find yourself there before then, however, do your body a favor and schedule a massage at **Euforia**. The spa, adjacent to the resort, truly lives up to its name with masseuses who make good on the promise to "take you on a trip, mami." Spring for a beachside rub down — salty and sultry.

With winter coming up, resorts are preparing for the busy season; Puerto Rico tourism tends to heat up around Christmas and die down in April.

"We find that a lot of people come here to escape the cold," says Militza Orama, director of sales and marketing at La Concha. "It's close and convenient; if you're American, you don't even need a passport."

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What to do

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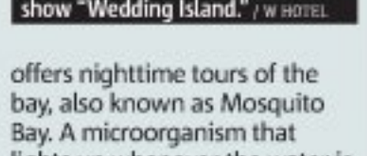

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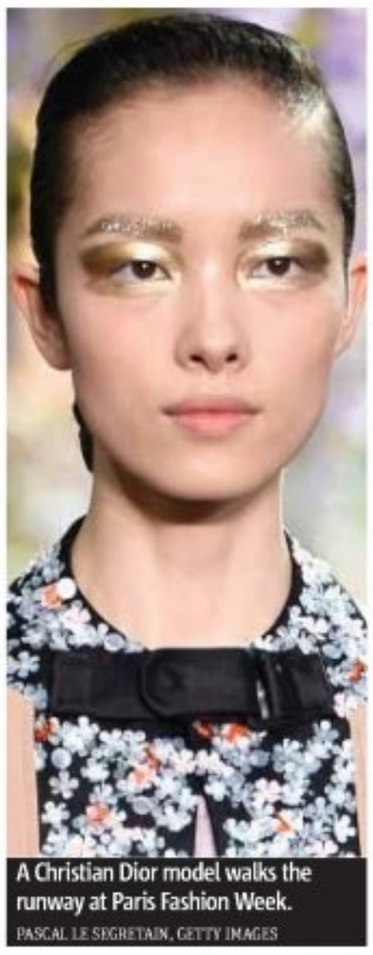
Pulling off gold makeup

Face. The runways were filled with metallic, glittery eyes, brows and lips this year. For everyday wear, simply work in a hint of warm, sparkly hues to get that candlelit glow.



A Christian Dior model walks the runway at Paris Fashion Week.
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The gold makeup looks that dominated the spring/summer '14 shows were the beautiful kinds of flights of fancy that only work on a catwalk. You don't want to dazzle your colleagues with all your eye bling or crack a tooth on the metallic gold embellishments that fell off your bottom lip and landed in your granola.

"Gold makeup is incredibly flattering and works with all skin tones — pretty much everyone can [wear] a chocolaty bronze. It's like adding sunlight to your face," says makeup artist Florrie White, who's worked with the likes of Blake Lively and Rosie Huntington-Whiteley.

She shows us how to play with the trend:

Highlight your face

"A gold highlight — try the Smashbox Halo Highlighting Wand in Gold or NARS multi-purpose stick in Malibu — will give you that candlelit luminosity. Start with the inner corner of the eyes and the temples, this opens them up and takes away tiredness. Next, dab some on to the apple of your cheek so that it creates a fuzzy glow. Highlight the bridge of the nose for an extra spot of light and your cupid bow to create a fuller top lip."

Warm your eyes

"Go for a blown-out, gold-bronze smoky eye by using a chocolate gold liner under the eye, like Charlotte Tilbury's eye pencil in Sophia. Really bring out the lash line by blending it down. Next, take a gold eye shadow, such as L'Oreal Color Infallible in Goldmine, and wash it all over the lid. Blend it out so that you get a warm glow behind the lashes. Enhance the look by adding a little bit of a darker eye shadow, such as Color Infallible in Sahara, in the eye sockets."

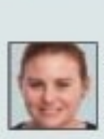
As for the rest...

1 Frame the eyes by slightly grooming and filling in your eyebrows.

2 Apply a glittery beige-nude on your lips. Besame Cosmetics' lipstick in Champagne works well.

3 Make sure your mascara is combed through and that you don't get powder or cream stuck on the lashes, as this will take away from your lash line.

4 Add some gold flecks to your face with NARS Orgasm Blush.



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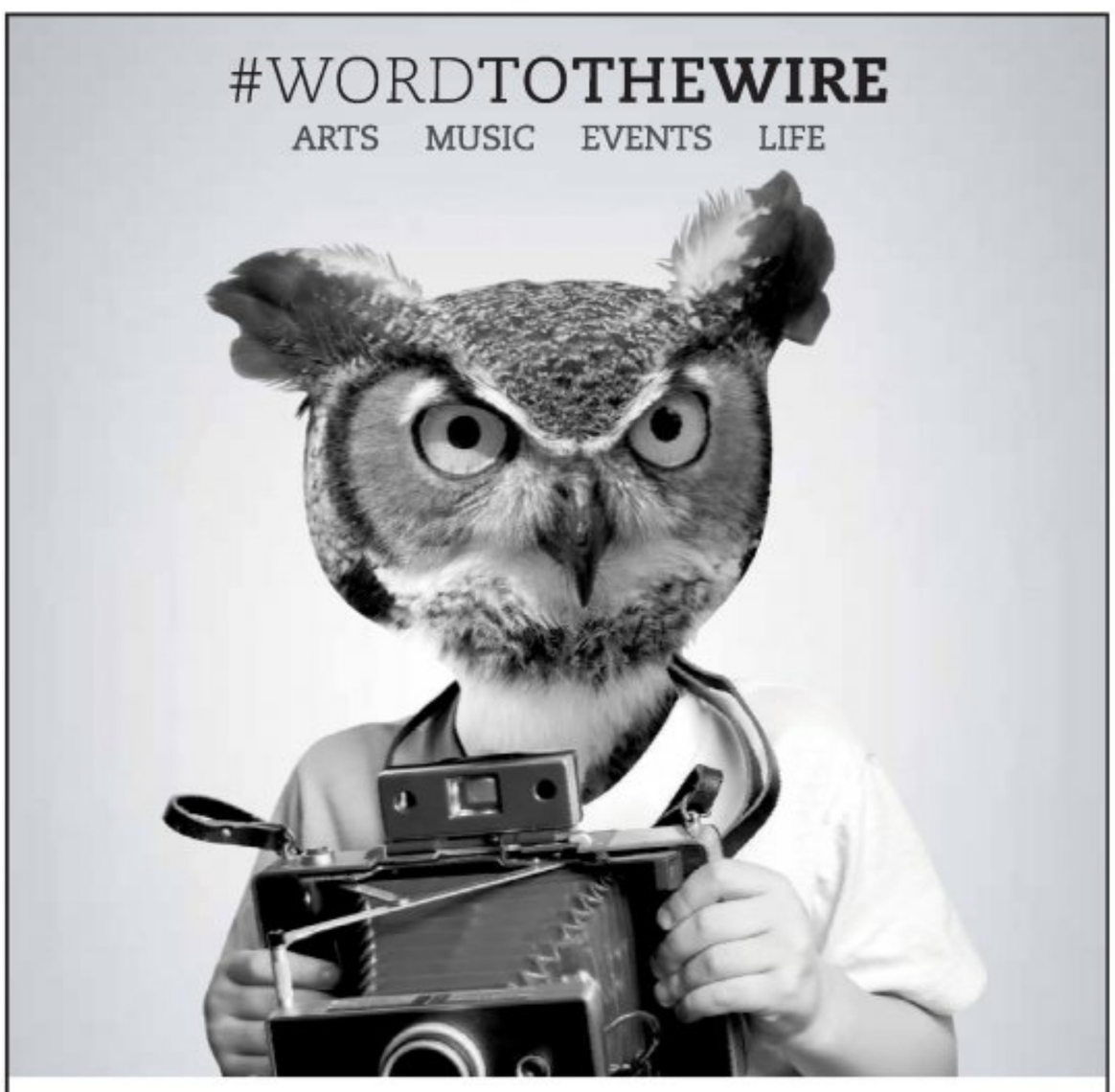

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Study. New research says more screen time will not make your child smarter

A new statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics says kids' screen time should be limited to two hours a day. / GETTY IMAGES

Many parents think giving their little ones fancy tech toys like smartphones and tablets will give them a leg up in school. But new recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics suggest otherwise.

The statement says children should have no more than two hours of entertainment-based screen time per day. Considering the average 8-year-old spends an average of eight hours in front of a screen a day, these new guidelines could spark big lifestyle changes for some families. "Many parents are clueless about how much media their kids use and what they're seeing, [including] online, on TV and on movie screens," says Victor Strasburger, the lead author of the policy.

According to the AAP, too much entertainment screen time — defined by Strasburger as time in front of a computer, TV, movie or video game — has been linked to increased violence, cyberbullying, sleeping problems and difficulties at school. "There is absolutely no evidence that earlier exposure to new technology makes kids smarter or do better in school," says Strasburger.

EMILY LAURENCE

'MODERN' MOM ON A MISSION

Parenting tips. Julie Bowen makes dealing with kids' allergies a piece of (nut-free) cake.

Julie Bowen has always been a risk taker. During her high school days at St. George's School in Middletown, R.I., students dared one another to sneak down to the beach in the snow. Years later, she chose to keep running after tearing her hip labrum at mile 20 of a marathon training run. But the "Modern Family" star is not taking any risks when it comes to her son Oliver's allergies. She is teaming up with the Get Schooled in Anaphylaxis campaign, helping school communities to better understand and prepare for the potential consequences of life-threatening allergies.

Anaphylaxis is a rapid and severe allergic reaction to a particular trigger, such as a food or a bee sting. For Oliver, it was both. "He did have an anaphylactic reaction to peanuts and a bee sting," Bowen says. "I realized how easily I could have made a mistake, not knowing what his allergies were or what his triggers were," she says. "The 'what if?' keeps me up at night. That's why I'm involved with Anaphylaxis 101."

Anaphylaxis 101 aims to educate parents, kids and school administrators about the allergic reaction so they know what to do when a problem occurs. In spite of her precautions with Oliver's diet, Bowen notes there have been close calls.

"We were out as a family at a beautiful hotel with a buffet," she says. Although a basket of muffins was labeled "nut-free," Bowen's internal mom-voice told her to take a bite first. "That nut-free muffin was loaded with walnuts," she says. "It could have been a very bad day for all of us. We would have had to use the epinephrine injector. We would have had to go to the ER, because by the way, when you do the epinephrine injector, you still go to the hospital. And that's another reason you need to have two! Because guess what? The hospital might be really far away."

All of this foresight and preparation helps Bowen and her family to relax. "I have three really active boys. One of them happens to have food allergies. Because we have a plan, because we know the signs and symptoms; because we are aware, we live a totally normal life," she says.

Part of the plan is teaching kids to read labels. Kids can also follow "The Adventures of Ana and Phyl Axis" and learn how to avoid allergens online at Anaphylaxis101.com. Bowen narrates the clever and adorable free e-book.

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Three tips for dealing with anaphylaxis

Know what to expect

Some allergies can be life-threatening if they aren't dealt with quickly and properly. Get a list of common allergic triggers and learn how to treat them at Anaphylaxis101.com.

Tell school administrators

If your child has special food needs, make sure their teachers and other school workers know. Twenty-four percent of anaphylactic reactions happen to children whose school workers did not know they had allergies.

Educate your kids

Teaching them to read food labels and knowing what ingredients to avoid promotes self-care.

Raising a child with special dietary needs? Follow these tips! DIGITAL VISION

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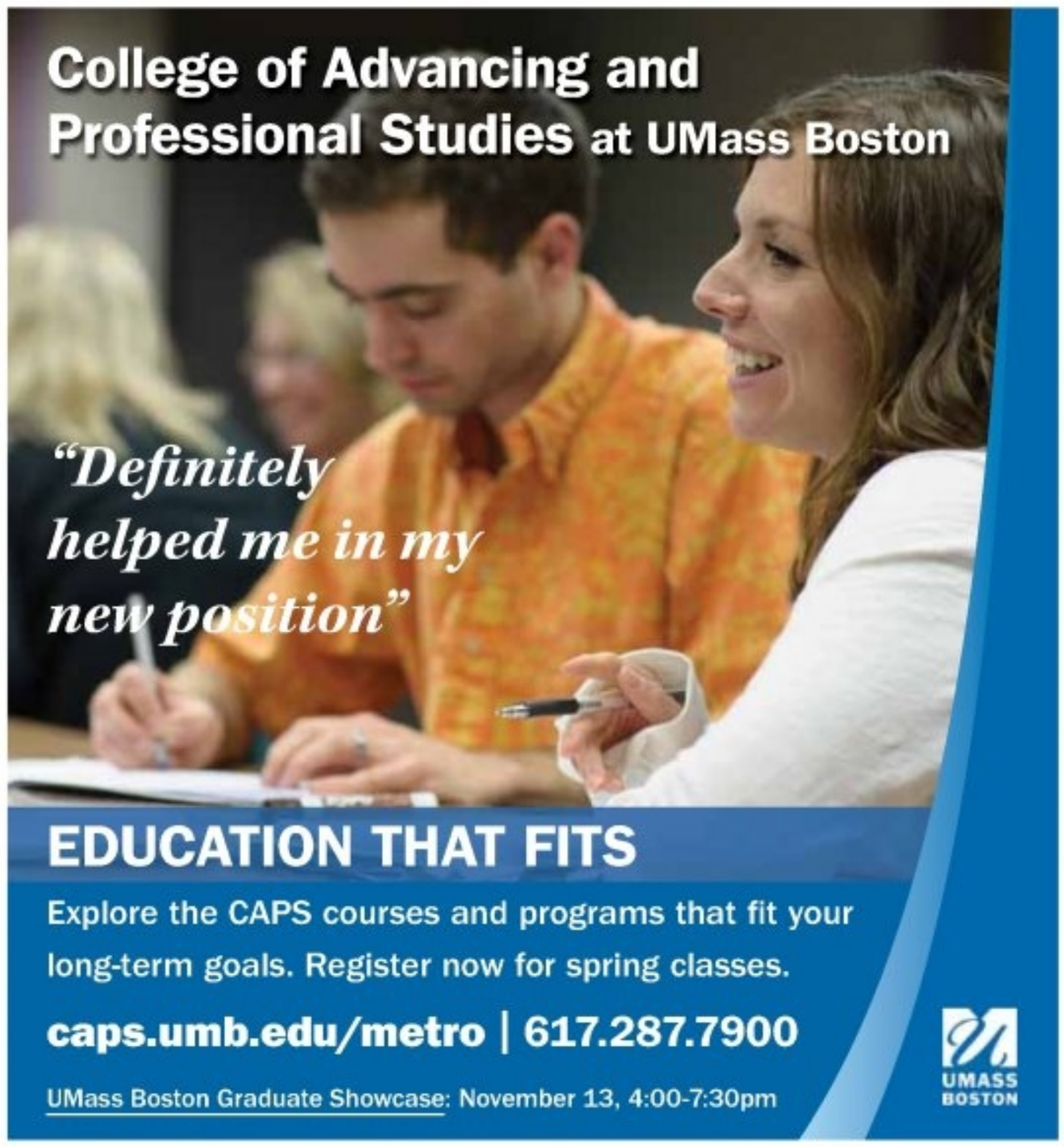
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"I would have lacked a lot of skills if I hadn't gone through Steppingstone," says Nasteho, a senior at the John D. O'Bryant School. "And I wouldn't have the support I have now."

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"Steppingstone paved a path for me," she explains. "It didn't just give me academic help. It also taught me how to solve problems."

Throughout high school, Nasteho has continued to benefit from Steppingstone's comprehensive support services–including college tours, tutoring, and discounted SAT classes.

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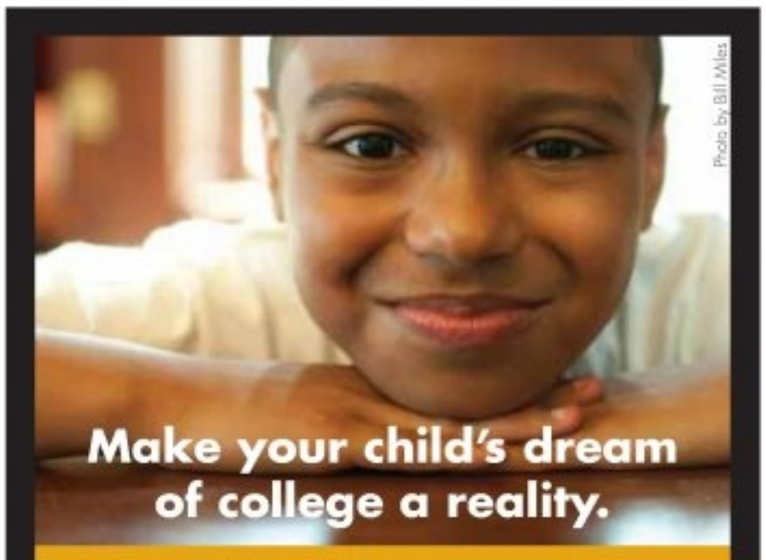

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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
Express the way you feel. The way you deal with others will show what kind of person you are and will result in new opportunities.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.
Solidify your financial picture by collecting or paying off a debt. Taking care of money matters will ease your stress. A clean slate will facilitate changes.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20.
Restlessness must be dealt with wisely. Instead of making an impulsive move, concentrate on developing a better way. Leave time for a passionate encounter.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18.
You'll be questioned if you draw attention to your activities. Work quietly on your own, where you can accomplish the most. A move will help a work-related situation.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.
Revisit your current strategy, and you'll find a flaw that can offset a financial loss. Feel confident that you have taken care of every detail and enjoy a social evening.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.
Don't question what others do; just make sure that you take care of your responsibilities. Your need to make changes must be monitored to avoid making an irreversible error.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.
Ask, and you shall receive. Forming a partnership or collaborating with someone will help you accomplish twice as much. Learn while you go, and you will make headway.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.
Listen carefully and ask questions. Someone is likely to hide information that is pertinent to a decision you must make. Don't waste time getting angry, just do what's best for you.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.
You've got plenty to contribute, so don't hold back; voice your opinion and reach out with suggestions, questions and whatever else you can offer. It's a good day to make some gains.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
Pick and choose your company carefully. Someone will want to join you, and someone will complain. Don't labor over what to do.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
Discuss your plans and consider your options. Don't let personal matters cloud your vision or stand between you and success. Question anyone who's playing emotional games with you.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
A last-minute change of plans can be expected. Choose the path of least resistance. Don't fold under pressure.

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Letters

GOP has been vocal indeed

Re: 'Government: The Newest Charity Case' (Metro, Nov. 4) Who's to blame? The GOP? Seriously? No one really spoke out? Where have you been these last five years? The GOP, most notably the Tea Party Republicans, have been screaming at the top of their lungs trying to overturn it and then try to defund it! It has just been falling on deaf ears, including YOUR deaf ears too. You obviously voted for Obama — TWICE, and are now trying to shift the blame on the Republicans for not trying hard enough to stop it. Hopefully, laryngitis will be protected under Obamacare as a pre-exisiting condition for all the yelling of, "We told you so, we told you so!"

RICHARD RIZZA, VIA EMAIL

Thanks for men's health articles

Hey, I noticed that recently you've been writing articles about men's health and I wanted to say thank you.

EVAN RUNG, VIA EMAIL

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Today is Election Day and it is the day on which all good Americans should step up and vote for the candidates of their choice who they believe can both serve the city, state and local communities. There are those who say that "my vote doesn't count" or "the candidates will maintain the status quo of the rich and powerful, and line their own pockets." Well, there are those who are running for public office who want to make a difference and honestly want to help those who are hurting. Now, that is not going to happen if we don't vote. You see whatever happens and whoever gets elected will affect all of us.

FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA EMAIL

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Crossword

Across
1 Half of DJ
5 — — in the bucket
10 Sampras of tennis
14 Ms. Rudner
15 Show "Gunsmoke" again
16 Like good cheddar
17 Yul's film realm
18 Heavy-metal rockers (2 wds.)
20 Blow, as a volcano
22 Prime
23 Souvenirs
25 Get wind of
26 Where Alph the sacred river ran
27 Crumpet companion
28 Exploits
32 Wheels for the fields
33 Process ore
35 Transmitted
36 Homonym of sea
37 Wis. neighbor
38 "Norma —"
39 Almost fall
41 Dispense
43 Mocking comment
44 Fjord port
45 "— the Force be with you!"
46 Usher in
48 Give credit
50 Masculine
51 Temper, as glass
54 Worn out
55 Pernicious weed
57 Upscale singer?
61 Bone below the elbow
62 Taxpayer's dread
63 Sooner city
64 Oodles (2 wds.)
65 Substantial
66 Hurry

Down
1 Rx givers
2 Big Ben numeral
3 Depot (abbr.)
4 Photo takers
5 Demanding
6 Ocean waters
7 Huck's vessel
8 Olive yield
9 Cookbook word
10 Paper-making reed
11 Mild rejoinder
12 Trillion, in combos
13 Dust devil
19 Potpie veggie
21 Disposed of
23 Provides the eats
24 Disclose
25 "Good day!"
26 Craft knife (hyph.)
27 Brit's tube
29 Cliff-hanger
30 Permit
31 Knight's mount
34 La Scala city
40 Dogpatch's Lonesome —
41 Dental filling
42 Parched
43 Football player
47 Before
49 Sturdy tree
50 Call on
51 Soft color
52 Empty, in math
53 Prefix for second
54 "Hooray for me!" (hyph.)
56 Street in Paris
58 Be — — rush
59 "Old" London theatre
60 "Orange" or "stock" ending

Yesterday's answer

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All good in Lucic land

NHL. Milan Lucic is enjoying his most NHL success to date for the Bruins in 2013-14.

The Bruins (8-5) have lost three of their last four games, but Milan Lucic is playing as well as anyone on the team so you can't blame him.

Heading into tonight's showdown with the Stars (6-6-2) and former teammates Tyler Seguin and Rich Peverley, Boston's burly first-line wing leads the team in goals (six), is tied for the best shooting percentage (23.1 percent), is second in assists (six) and third in plus/minus (plus-7).

With this solid start to 2013-14, it's easy to forget how much Lucic struggled last season (seven goals, 20 assists). What most remember is how he performed in last season's playoffs (7 goals, 12 assists) as the B's reached the Stanley Cup Final.

'Thank you, Seguin?'

Tyler Seguin returns to TD Garden for the first time since the July 4 trade that sent him to Dallas tonight (7 p.m., NESN).

- Seguin is the Stars' leading scorer so far this season with six goals and nine assists through 14 games.
- Loui Eriksson is likely to return to the Boston lineup after suffering a concussion against Buffalo on Oct. 23.

It's hard to say what made Lucic flip the switch last spring, but it was obvious in Game 7 against Toronto, when he almost single-handedly started their improbable comeback, that the old Lucic was back in full effect.

A logical conclusion for this season's turnaround is that he wants to be in Sochi, Russia, this February, playing for Team Canada.

"There's definitely other motivations," Lucic told the Boston Globe. "I'm not going to lie, that's definitely one of them."

When you talk about Lucic's overall game, there are always two simple keys to his success: moving his feet and playing smart. If he's playing poorly, odds are that he looks slow on his skates and is often out of position. Likewise, he has 14 penalty minutes so far this season which is a reasonable total, but you can't single out too many dumb penalties which are often the result of his physical play that often borders on dirty when he's frustrated. Maybe with age (25) and experience, Lucic has finally put it all together to become what most thought he could be: one of the top power forwards in a league that doesn't have too many of them anymore.

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Milan Lucic has 12 points so far in 2013-14. / GETTY IMAGES

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